

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 103, 300 E. Main St. Madison, IN 47250

DATE 07-01-2021

Commissioner David Bramer called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Robert Little and Ron Lee. Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes, all accounts payable, and payroll claim dockets. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

2A Update/Richard Carter- County resident, Richard Carter presented a letter from the attorney general in Missouri regarding the 2nd amendment sanctuary. Carter is passionate about the county not spending tax payer dollars on federal laws that he deems unconstitutional. Further discussion followed from other residents with opposing and supporting views. Commissioner Bramer said the commissioners still intend to hold a public meeting to discuss the 2nd amendment.

Children's Advocacy Center- Kelly Bridges came to the meeting to request \$15,000 from the 2022 budget. Bridges explained the program and stated that the CAC served 122 children in Jefferson County in 2020 and 106 children since January 2021. Bridges would like to use the money to open the office 5 days a week with a full-time staff. Bridges also explained the benefits of a "Bridge" program with Cincinnati Children's Hospital to provide virtual visits to children and their families, from the comfort of their own home. The commissioners will take the request under advisement.

Girls Inc. Funding Request- Executive Director, Susan Stahl came before the Commissioners to request \$5000 to be considered for the 2022 budget. Stahl provided documents explaining the many benefits of Girls Inc. in our County and discussed the importance of the part-time help within the organization. Stahl also presented an annual report to the commissioners for their review. The Commissioners will take the request under advisement for the 2022 budget.

EMA Update- EMA Director, Troy Morgan updated the commissioners on the recent flooding, several weeks ago, that impacted a lot of the downtown area. Morgan stated that 72 addresses were effected and submitted to the Indiana Department on Homeland Security for the possibility of financial relief. Morgan should hear a determination from the State in 7 to 10 days. Morgan also wanted to publicly thank all the EMA volunteers that have helped over the last few weeks.

Highway Update- Highway Superintendent, Robert Phillips stated that the paving has been completed for 2021. Phillips discussed an RFP that has been submitted to INDOT for his bridge inspections and will update the commissioners when he is ready to award the contract. Commissioner Bramer asked about weight restrictions on county roads. Phillips will research the options for the County on the restrictions on roads. Later in the meeting, resident Kay Gross asked what the paving notice to bidders in the newspapers was. Phillips stated that was a notice sent out due to the left over millings on Clifty Drive. Gross asked about the status of Brooksborg Manville Road. Phillips stated he is waiting to replace a culvert.

Sheriff Update- Sheriff Thomas stated he has approximately 190 inmates; 155 are currently housed in our jail. Sheriff Thomas also stated they have given about 45 COVID vaccines to inmates.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: _____
Heather Huff, Auditor

David Bramer, President

Robert Little, Member

Ron Lee, Member